Examination Questions for an Assembly of Consumers

If we are in a gathering where the vast majority of members are only consumers of religious programs, let us ask:

Did the Lord plan for it to be just an establishment where parishioners gather, where most are just consumers/having no role, no task? Can we have life from Christ in a church where the members are not closely knit?

Can we have life in a gathering where brethren do not care for one another/do not bear one another's burdens, where they do not fulfill the law of Christ? (Galatians 6:2) Is God involved in any way, where His teachings are ignored and disregarded?

Can the body be alive, if it does not receive commands from Christ? If the gathering does not submit to Christ, can there be living members in that body? Can many of us say that God has His children even in gatherings that disregard the reign of Christ. Can such a statement be biblically argued?

To be able to check if your Church ignores and does not practice the Lord's teachings, we will list some of them.

1. But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil... (Matthew 5:39)

2. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat... (Matthew 5:40)

3. Bear ye one another's burdens. (Galatians 6:2)

4. Looking diligently lest any man be worldly/profane (Hebrews 12:15)

5. Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones... (Matthew 18:10) But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be... a railer. 1 Corinthians 5:11)

6. Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church. (1 Corinthians 14:34, 35) But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. 1 Timothy 2:12)

7. Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's. (Luke 20:25) By this commandment, check if untaxed work is permitted, software piracy, bribery...

If you find yourself in a scattered flock, which disregards the Lord's teachings and tolerates the worldly, we urge you to examine yourself most seriously before the Lord. (See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise. Ephesians 5:15)

Step 1. Check your life and come into obedience to everything the Lord says so you will not be destroyed. (Him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people. Acts 3:22, 23)

Step 2. Take heed to what the Lord says and do not join those who ignore His teachings, who disregard the teaching of Christ. (Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God.If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds. (2 John 1:10-11)

Trust in the Lord, who tells you that light cannot have fellowship with darkness and do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. (Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? (2 Corinthians 6:14) Heed the Lord's warning and keep what He says: Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. 2 Corinthians 6:17-18) Stop building with those who serve other gods! (Ezra 4:1-5)

Step 3. Fulfill the commandment: Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. (2 Timothy 2:22) Seek people with a pure heart and the Lord will bring them into your path! (Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find. Matthew 7:7; Those that seek me early shall find me. Proverbs 8:17) The Lord is faithful and will do His part. (I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Hebrews 13:5)

Flee from the scattered flock, do not look for gatherings with religious programs, but seek the Body of Christ, which is closely knit together, well joined; where He is Lord and where His teachings are kept. Only in His Body can one grow healthily, here you are protected from the ravenous wolves. (From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. Ephesians 4:16)

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